



## EDITORIAL

**BRAINSTORMS**  
With Ferrin Cox

First thing Monday morning we noticed a rash of strange messages coming in our e-mails. Using that tiny bit of common sense we occasionally display, the attachments went unopened from the get-go. As the morning progressed and the number of similar messages passed the dozen mark, we were convinced a new e-mail virus was floating around out there in cyberspace. Then Tuesday morning the "experts" announced that some folks were getting hundreds of those things per hour! Since you haven't opened your electronic mailbox this week, be careful of any one that fits the following description: lift from an internet news site: *example price or new price Attachments to the e-mail such as new\_price.zip price\_new.zip or price\_08.zip*. You open it as a PDF or maybe a word file. We don't know what happens if the attachment is opened, but it is doubtful there is any good to come from this latest virus.

Schools are starting again this week. While most of the students are not really excited about going back to the books, they will settle down and hit the grind within a few days. We have faith in them. As our children get back into the daily school routines, automobile drivers need to keep up the alertness level and be on the lookout for each and every one of these precious gifts God has given area families.

Municipal elections are fast approaching in Coffee County. Municipal elections are fast approaching in Coffee County. August 24th is right around the corner. If those who live in any of the incorporated areas of the county have not made up their minds yet, we urge them to put on the old thinking cap immediately. It is always wise when voters go to the polls unprepared and then make snap judgments. Of course that is less likely in this type election. In Elba no person will have more than two races to vote in and a maximum of only two options in either of those races. Yet every election cycle we find at least one or two voters who go into the voting house "undeclared". But on the other hand voters who will go to vote this year "declared" have a 50/50 chance of missing up. Of course that means someone else will mess up, not us or our very smart and well informed friends!!

President Bush named a new CIA director this week. Of course he must go through the confirmation process with Congress before being officially seated, but if Bush opponents are smart they will not oppose the appointment. To do so would surely trigger strong negative talk about exactly who is the real problem with America's internal security system. Already we have received word from Senator Shelby's office that he knows Representative Goss well, has worked closely with him and supports his nomination for the position. That will go a long way toward the Florida lawmaker's success in the Senate confirmation hearings.

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, investigated the following incidents: one traffic hazard, one unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, one driving under the influence, one found property, three for domestic violence, one possession of marijuana, one burglary, three for criminal mischief, one harassment, one criminal trespassing and one theft of property.

The following arrests were made one for domestic violence, one for driving under the influence, three for failure to appear, one for possession of marijuana and two for harassment.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving with a suspended driver's license, two for no proof of insurance, one for no tag, four for speeding, one for not wearing a seat belt, one for an expired tag and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, AUG. 2 - River stage - 5.21 feet (7:00 a.m.).

Wreck reported at the intersection of Hwy. 84 and the 203 Bypass (9:16 a.m.).

TUESDAY, AUG. 3 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 5379 County Rd. 215 (3:33 a.m.). River stage - 5.60 feet (7:20 a.m.). Two-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Carver Dr. and the 203 Bypass (8:43 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4 - Two-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Taylor Mill Road and the 203 Bypass (6:13 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUG. 5 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 7095 County Rd. 410 (2:29 a.m.). Domestic disturbance reported in Room 105 of the Riviera Motel (3:51 a.m.). Domestic disturbance reported at the Riviera Motel (4:33 a.m.). River stage - 6.20 feet (6:43 a.m.). Domestic disturbance reported at 1152 Neil Grantham Dr. (6:22 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUG. 6 - Domestic disturbance reported on Reynolds St. (9:32 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 941 Forrest Ave. (6:51 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1403 Smith Ave. (8:51 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (10:43 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUG. 7 - Routine activity.

SUNDAY, AUG. 8 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire on Hwy. 166 (4:09 a.m.). Domestic disturbance reported at 1225 Farris Ave. (6:18 p.m.). Disturbance (crowd) with a possible fight in progress reported in the Market Place parking lot (7:28 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 617 Mullins Circle (8:27 p.m.). Domestic disturbance reported at 1225 Farris Ave. (8:33 p.m.).

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

**Samford University**  
Judson College  
with Coffee Baptist Association  
Offer classes in Coffee County

## Children's Choir Methods

taught by Dr. Denise Tipton  
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Coffee County Baptist Center

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**SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 6:1-24**

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Rev. E. Magwood, Rev.

Charles Lane, The Ware Family,

Shane Williams, Tonya Smith,

Tammie Tillman, Mary Sue

Dixonson, Mamie Belcher,

Estella Williams, Faye

Manning, Rev. Henry Ewing,

Jr., Rev. Willis Bruton, Leila

Tyson

Time: 10:00 a.m. Location:

Berry Mulberry Ball Field

August 14.

DEDICATION CEREMONY:

Honoree: Mr. Gaynes C. Waters

Date: Saturday, August 21,

2004

Time: 10:00 a.m. Location:

Elba Church of God

Everyone is welcome to

participate. This event will start at

10:00 a.m.

Today is a good day! be grateful.

Eria

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

J.C. Rodgers - August 9,

Charles and Sophia Berry

August 9 (W.A.) Myron and

Maria Duncan - August 9

(W.A.) Bria M. Culver - August

9, Leray Smedley - August 9,

Sue Woods - August 10. Lillie

August 10.

FUN FELLOWSHIP DAY

(Church Picnic)

A Fun Fellowship Day (church

picnic) will be held Saturday,

August 14 at Lake Jackson in

Opp. AL. There will be plenty

of fun food, fellowship and fish-

ing. Everyone is welcome to

participate. This event will start at

10:00 a.m.

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### PASTOR'S CORNER

## New Haven Baptist Church to celebrate Homecoming Sunday, August 22

New Haven Baptist Church, located on County Road 410, Elba, will celebrate Homecoming Sunday, Aug. 22. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. with Worship service at 11 a.m.

Dinner on the grounds will immediately follow worship services. The afternoon service will begin at 1:30 p.m. Guest singers will be Resting Place.

Everyone is invited to attend.

The Lake City Quartet to be in concert at the Elba Church of God Sunday evening

The Lake City Quartet will be in concert Sunday evening 6:00 PM at the Elba Church of God.

This quartet is from Center Alabama. They are in high regard across the South and their Harmony and exciting presentation will delight those

who loves quartet music.

The Elba Church of God is across from Dorsey Trailer on Highway 84. The public is invited and welcomed by all members of the Church of God. For more information call 897-1593 or 897-2989.

### Unity between believers manifests blessings

It is apparent in the Bible that unity among Christians finds favor with God.

Acts 2:46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (from New International Version)

It is a very difficult thing to agree on anything these days. We have so many different cultures and different opinions of what is right and what is wrong. We have so many things ingrained in our spirit and mindset, that to be different is what we expect of each other. How can we tell what to agree on?

No believers can come up with all kinds of things we do not agree with. They simply do not believe in Jesus. When we have Christians who come under the authoritative eyes of being part of the Church, it causes the God to change some of the basic beliefs of the Bible, by making the very foundation of Gods existence. There can be no unity among believers when the truth of God is changed to fit a lifestyle.

Here is how I believe we can come together in one accord and in one mind as believers and still leave room for different denominations and believers.

First of all I believe that the Bible is the absolute truth and is Gods spoken word and He is the one and only authority.

Second I believe Jesus was born of a virgin birth and fulfilled the Old Testaments.

Third I believe That Jesus was Divine and walked this earth as a man and did miracles.

Fourth I believe that Jesus was crucified and died for our sin, was raised from the dead, and He is the plan of salvation. No one can go to heaven except by Him.

Fifth I believe Jesus will return again and those who are His will live in heaven for eternity.

Now saying all of that, I know we can argue about all kinds of other things. Music, the way we worship and pray, the way we organize our churches, doctrine and who should be doing what. This is why we have different churches denomination and interpretations.

We need to go with what we feel God wants in our lives and if we agree on these five truths we can all hope to get to heaven. Those who try to deny those 5 basic truths are only fooling themselves.

God created everything, He is the supreme ruler.

Jack Assembly is located on

County Road 208, in the Jack Community.

### Jack Assembly to celebrate 50th Homecoming

Jack Assembly of God will be celebrating its 50th

Homecoming on Sunday,

August 15th. Sunday School

begins at 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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### WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

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ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

Richard Thorsen, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship

11:00 a.m. Even. Service

6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service

7:00 p.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Nathan Carroll, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship

11:00 a.m. Even. Service

6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service

7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Tim Gannett, Minister

10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship

11:00 a.m. Even. Service

6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service

7:00 p.m.

ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Phillip Cope, Pastor

10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship

11:00 a.m. Even. Service

6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service

7:00 p.m.

BETHEL AMERICAN METHODIST

Rev. Martha Baxter

Church Service

9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

10:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

10:00 a.m.

BETHLEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Darryl Caldwell, Pastor

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship

11:00 a.m.

Even. Service

6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service

7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. E. H. Bill, Minister

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

10:00 a.m.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

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10:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

10:00 a.m.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## The Elba Clipper

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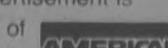
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CLEARANCE ON IN STOCK SNAPPER LAWNMOWERS \*9" Intertel Unit 4/05. LAWFORD ACE HARDWARE. 897-2300. 7-22-2c

2004 JOHN DEERE GATOR-Brush Guard, Fender Guard - Windshield "New". Call 334-897-3669. 8-5-4p

PEACHES-U-PICK. Charles Culp Farms. Go East 1/2 mile. Open 7:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 1-205-688-5055. (R)

RBKC REGISTERED Bulldogs for sale. Even temperament, athletic body, good drive and big bully appearance. \$800. Call 334-295-0655. See at www.blackwarbarns.com

WANTED: USED COTTON WAGON FOR FARM USE. Call Tip at 347-2291 or 894-6229. Will pay reasonable price. 8-12-1c

AUTOS FOR SALE CARS FROM \$500! Police Impounds! Priced to sell! Honda, Fords, Chevys, Toyotas and More! Cars, Trucks, SUV's! For listings call 1-800-366-9813, xV888.

FOR SALE - 1975 F100 TRUCK. 80,000 Miles. Eva Mooney. 897-6385. 8-12-1p

HAIL SALE. Stop under the tent on Hwy 431. Roaz, across from Kippatrick Chevrolet. Choose from over 50 2004 Tahoes &amp; Suburbans. Save up to \$11,000. Special Sale Hours Monday thru Saturday 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. while they last! Phone 1-800-531-4253.

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### YARD SALE

4 FAMILY YARD SALE-

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# SPORTS

Views from...

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We headed out over the weekend to get some school supplies and I told the girls that they must have planned well last year since they ran out of paper, pencils and pens just as the school year started to an end. I know that it would be hard to put leftover paper and other school supplies in the closet for use the next school year. However, it does seem like they would have at least something left they could use again. Oh well, school is back in and I am sure their want list will grow each and every week.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

The Elba Tigers wrapped up their first week of preseason football practice last week and from all reports the opening week of drills went pretty good at Tigertown. Forty-five varsity players were still hard at work at week's end, which is twice as many players as the Tigers had when last season came to an end, and that has to be good news for the coaches and all Elba Tiger fans. Coach Rials said that the Tigers may have only about twenty-five percent of the offense when the season opens, but since everything is new on the offensive side of the football that may not be as scary as it sounds. I am still convinced that Elba has enough skilled players and depth to be a force in the 2A ranks, and I for one cannot wait until the sea- sons off.

The annual preseason high school football standings came out last week and despite the 3-7 record of a year ago the Elba Tigers were ranked in the poll at #4. Year ago the Tigers would often be ranked in the top five before the season kicked off, but after a long series of losing seasons it was great just to see the Tigertown poll in the top 10. One thing I did notice was that five of the Tigers opponents were also in the poll, with Pike County coming in at #4 in Class 3A; Luverne, Houston Academy and Cottonwood all ranked ahead of Elba in Class 2A, and Brantley being ranked #8 in Class 1A. Even though the Tigers have dropped to 2A, it looks like the receivers learned their routes and learned how to catch the football, while they will still be underdogs at least half the time when they hit the field.

The enrollment figures that the Alabama High School Athletic Association used to reclassify its member schools are in this week's sports and the figures are quite interesting. With all the talk about consolidation over in Dothan it was surprising to see Dothan High was the 19th largest school in the state, and if Dothan and Northview were combined the new school would be the largest in the state by almost 200 students. No wonder some folks over in the Circle City want to combine! Another surprise to me was the fact Daleville was the fourth largest school in Class 4A, while Geneva was the smallest in the state in the same class. Over in the 3A ranks it was shocking to see Headland, Barbour County, Dale County, Calhoun and Central of Hayneville, were all bigger than T.R. Miller. That only makes T.R. Miller's dominance in football even more amazing. The figures also revealed that if Pike County had regis- tered three additional students it would have joined Elba in the 2A ranks. That may be the big news of the day for the classes change.

In closing, Phil Snow's 20-year career with the Auburn Tigers may have come to an end last week when Snow was relieved from his position as the host of the weekly Auburn Football Review. A friend of Snow's had read in the Auburn media guide that Snow had been replaced and called Snow, who had been told nothing about being replaced. The head of the Auburn network later admitted he had made a mistake in not informing Snow of the change, and Snow was quoted as saying "I thought I at least deserved a phone call." Guess not, Phil.

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### 45 varsity players on '04 squad

## Elba Tigers open preseason football drills

The Elba Tigers opened pre-season football practice last week under the watchful eye of new head football coach Scott Rials and after five days of work the new Elba coach was pleased with what he had seen from his squad.

"We had 45 varsity players on the opening day and still had that number at the end of the week," stated Coach Rials.

"The players as a whole

reported in pretty good condition and that was great to see," he said.

"We put on the pads the last two days of the week and then went out Friday morning at 6 a.m. and Rials

"The first day we worked on tackling techniques and then did some seven-on-seven work, while on Friday morning we had a good work out and did some team offense and defense. We didn't do a lot of hitting, we're still learning our fundamentals. We primarily worked on fundamentals and wanted to make sure we were sound in all areas. Overall, it was a good first week."

"The opening three days we worked out in shorts and helmets," added Coach Rials, "and got in a lot of team work as well as conditioning. The receivers

were ready to take the field. We did have to explain some things to them, but the attitude was excellent and the players

showed a true desire to work hard and become a winning football team."

"School is now underway and that will change our workouts a little," added Coach Rials. "From a coaching standpoint it is good that the players are in school because it gets them on a routine, but it does take the kids a while to get adjusted, and that could result in a few minor problems early in the school year. This week we have done more work on offense and will line up and run plays. We will also get in more scrimmages as the season begins."

"We might only have about a fourth

of our offense in by the time the season kicks off and that will limit us to an extent. The defense should be ready to go, however, and may have to carry us early in the season until the offense can catch up and add some of its plays. We have started from square one and early on we will be balanced on offense. It takes longer to put in the passing attack and it will be down the line before we will be able to really attack an opponent on offense. We will get in the basic running plays and a little of the

pacing game, and will add as we go."

"We are blessed with some very talented athletes," said

Rials, "and I am confident that we will develop into a very good football team as we get more practice time under our belts. It may not be full speed

when we first start, but this team

will win and will get better and better as the season goes."

### Elba Tigers ranked in "Top 20" in preseason high school grid poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its pre-season high school football rankings last week and included on the list are the Elba Tigers, the Brantley Bulldogs and the Enterprise Wildcats.

The Tigers came in at #19 in Class 2A, while the Bulldogs were ranked #8 in Class 1A and the Wildcats came in at #20 in Class 6A.

Following is a complete list of the Top 10 in all classes as well as area teams receiving mention.

### CLASS 6A

1. Hoover (1,669.50)  
2. Murphy (1,562.25)  
3. R.E. Lee (1,545.85)  
4. Bob Jones (1,447.08)  
5. Grissom (1,314.50)  
6. Jeff Davis (1,287.32)  
7. Prattville (1,266.13)  
8. Spurman (275.93)  
9. Enterprise (1,185.55)  
10. Smiths Station (1,160.90)  
Also, 19. Dothan (1,056.93), 21. Northview (799.17)

### CLASS 5A

1. Huntsville (736.03)  
2. Butler (735.97)  
3. Arab (732.47)  
4. Parker (726.23)  
5. Hueytown (718.05)  
6. Pinson Valley (713.77)  
7. Homewood (711.67)  
8. Wenonah (698.15)  
9. Brewer (695.38)  
10. Stanhope Elmore (691.30)

### CLASS 4A

1. Demopolis (424.23)  
2. Escambia County (423.88)

### CLASS 3A

1. Randolph County (141-1)  
2. Lineville (13-1)

### CLASS 2A

1. Briarwood (13-2)  
2. Russellville (13-2)

### CLASS 1A

1. Parrish (1-1)  
2. Courtland (1-1)

### CLASS 4A

1. Trinity (15-0)  
2. UMS-Wright (11-2)

### CLASS 3A

1. Autauga (13-1)  
2. Joseph Christian (13-1)

### CLASS 2A

1. Andalusia (13-1)

### CLASS 1A

1. North Jackson (9-3)

### CLASS 4A

1. Pleasant Grove (11-3)

### CLASS 3A

1. Charles Henderson (10-2)

### CLASS 2A

1. B.C. Rain (11-2)

### CLASS 1A

1. Shiloh Elmore (9-3)

### CLASS 4A

1. Mt. Brook (11-2)

### CLASS 3A

1. Decatur (7-5)

### CLASS 2A

1. 20. Enterprise (6-5).

### CLASS 5A

1. Randolph County (14-1)

### CLASS 4A

1. Lineville (13-1)

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Notice:

The Human Resource Development Corporation will sponsor the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Education, Child and Adult Care Food Program, in licensed Family Day Care Homes in the following counties: Barbour, Cibee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Pike. For more information contact Sharon Meek, Child Care Food Program Manager at (334) 347-0881, ext. 32.

## To My Fellow Citizens,

I want each of you to know it has been an honor to serve as your mayor for the past 8 years. We have accomplished a lot together. We also have lots more to do to make Elba an even better home for our children and our new and existing businesses.

Years ago when our city was besieged by the flood waters of the Pea River, many of those outside our city questioned our passion and commitment to reinventing in Elba. Today, that spirit of renewal has carried us into a time of progress that is seeing major infrastructure improvements in and near to Elba, additional employment via both existing and new businesses, and an increase in our local financial support of the Elba School System - one of the best in the state. Each of these areas is contributing - and in the near future - will contribute more and more to the financial stability of our city.

Within the last year alone we have experienced good economic news as expansions of facilities and the creation of new jobs have occurred at the Mobile Attic and Kelley Foods of Alabama. Elba has also joined the growing automotive boom in Alabama by announcing in June 2003 the location of Toledo Molding and Die, Inc., an Ohio-based company doing business with the likes of Ford, Nissan, Saturn and other automakers. In fact, I just visited the Toledo plant this past week to get an update on their progress. Employment and production are far ahead of schedule. This is great news for Elba and Southeast Alabama.

While many of you have benefited from the services of the Department of Agriculture Diagnostics Lab, the lab has become outdated for the current needs of such a lab. When the state agriculture department first hinted the lab could be relocated communities all across the state began essentially bidding for the lab to be located to their area of the state. Thanks to the work of Senator Holley, Representative Spicer, Ferrin Cox, Eddie Kelley and many others here in Elba, we secured the new facility for Elba. In so doing, Elba will now be the home of some of the most specialized equipment and capabilities in the southeast region.

**Toledo Molding and Die and the Diagnostic Lab are two good examples** of our renewed efforts to market the assets of Elba to those here in the states and abroad. Our local economic development program is working with a number of state and regional development organizations in aggressively promoting the city. Our primary goal in this area has been and will continue to be to identify quality companies - and to determine which of those are suited to fit our development goals for Elba. As those in the economic development business know this process is one that takes time, energy and a great deal of patience. Rest assured though, we are building bridges that will go a long way to adding businesses to our community.

**Our economic efforts directed at "existing" industry have already paid huge dividends.** Just this past month, Kelley Foods of Alabama announced a \$2 million expansion of their distribution facility and the additional jobs accompanying this expansion. Also in July, our newest Elba business, Bridgeville Trailers completed its first trailer. Employment and production are steadily growing each week.

Some time back, the business leaders of Elba chose to ask Kaye Whitworth to serve as the director of the Elba Economic and Development Board. The businesses and local industries had already selected her to head the independent Elba Chamber of Commerce. Her dedication to both jobs has certainly shown. Since taking the helm, she has worked long and hard with our city and business leaders to bring these new industries to our community, as well as help existing businesses with their growth.

Through targeted efforts to work more closely with our state and federal elected representatives and our state, regional and federal agencies, we have been the beneficiary of substantial state and federal dollars that have been used to improve our city infrastructure. Among these projects are a \$1.4 million water project that will help ensure the future growth of Kelley Foods, a \$2.8 million sewer project for the Elba area, over \$1 million in economic development assistance used to attract new business, \$2 million for the paving of Highway 87 and over \$700,000 for repaving of the airport road. Additionally, our city will in the near future benefit from the \$200,000,000 million Highway 84 project that will improve the route between Andalusia and Enterprise. Your city administration worked closely with state officials to secure this highway project.

The future of Coffee County EMS became extremely important last year. When the organization made its change from a for-profit business to a not-for-profit organization, we were instrumental in keeping EMS services in the Elba area. In doing this, the safety and well-being of the citizens of Elba was our priority. By keeping the EMS service here, it ensures quicker emergency response time to those in need of medical care.

Perhaps I am most proud of the completion earlier this year of the newly constructed levee. This \$12 million project will provide our downtown area with renewed protection and a renewed spirit. As part of this project, we will soon construct a lighted walking/run trail on a portion of the levee to benefit our many walkers and runners. We continue to work for an ever-widening flood control plan as funds become available. To further address our downtown improvements, we have secured a downtown planning grant that will fund the beginning of a downtown revitalization project.

Most recently, we became the first city in the Wiregrass to install fiber optic/high speed Internet across our entire city. This improvement will substantially help our local businesses compete in the new technology era. Via high-speed Internet, companies like Kelley Foods, Bridgeville Trailer and Toledo Molding and Die can be competitive right here in Elba.

I am also proud to tell you during the last few years I have worked with the Council and many of you to improve the recreational programs for our city's youth. The Recreation Department's budget has been increased by over 200%. This has enabled the department to make improvements to Mulberry Park, enhance the family management program, and play-host to the Dixie Youth baseball tournament.

As you may know, although the mayor's position is a part-time position, I pledged to each of you to be a full-time mayor when I first sought this position in 1996. I have done so over the past 8 years as I promised I would. I am committed to continuing to deliver on this promise for another four years.

With this in mind, we have a number of projects in progress that I would like to see completed. These include: 1. Completion of the four-lane on Highway 84; 2. The creation of a Downtown Redevelopment Authority that will provide the foundation for working with downtown businesses to help finance improvements in the near future; 3. The addition of new baseball and softball fields; 4. A renewed effort to recruit regional baseball and softball tournaments; 5. The construction of an aquatic playground; 6. The addition of a baseball and softball pitching machine cage at Hawkins-Williams Park; 7. The repaving and lengthening of the airport runway; 8. The renovation of Legion Field; 9. The planning and construction of a multi-use community center; and 10. Implementation of a Municipal Court System.

All said, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your mayor for the past 8 years. I am proud of what we have accomplished together. I am most excited about what the future holds for our city. If on August 24, I am given the honor of representing you as mayor you can know I will work long and hard to represent this city I have called home for over 65 years.

I respectfully seek your vote and support on August 24. Together we can make Elba an even greater place to call home.

James E. Grimes

Pd. Pol. Adv. by James E. Grimes, P.O. Box 551, Elba, AL 36323

## Interested citizens begin work on Elba playground project



A PLACE TO PLAY...A project to build a new playground for Elba's children currently is underway. This is a joint project between the Kiwanis Club of Elba and local moms. Project coordinators Jill Dunn and Kristin Gunnells are working hard to inform citizens about the project and build community support. Currently, fund raising is the most pressing matter, and a public meeting has been set for Saturday, Aug. 21, to discuss ideas. Dunn, Gunnells and Elba's children invite all citizens to get involved with this project to help provide a place for youngsters to play and have fun.

Pictured above with a Support Elba's Playground Project sign are: Chesley Morehead, Kristin Gunnells, Emma Gunnells, Garrett Dunn, Peyton Dunn, Jill Dunn and Abby Morehead.

## Field crops to take center stage at Wiregrass Field Day

The Wiregrass Research and Extension Center (WREC) in Headland will observe its 75th anniversary as an outlying agricultural research unit of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon with an information-packed and tour-filled field crops day.

Special guest Henry Ivey, who retired as superintendent of the WREC in 1995 after 29 years of service at the facility, will kick off the day's activities with comments on the center's 75-year history.

In field tours that will follow Ivey's comments, peanut research will be a major focus, as scientists from Auburn University's College of

Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service discuss their studies of peanut cultural performance under heavy disease and nematode pressure, narrow- and wide-strip tillage peanut production, peanut variety evaluations in strip versus conventional tillage, advanced peanut breeding lines and insect and disease management in commercial peanut cultivars.

Participants will have the opportunity to take both of the tours. Activities will end at noon with a sponsored lunch.

The Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System are co-sponsoring the field day, which is open to all persons regardless of race, gender, religion or national origin.

For more information, call Larry Wells, WREC superintendent, at 334-693-2363. The WREC is located in Headland at the intersection of U.S. Highway 431 and Alabama Highway 134.

## Re-Elect James Grimes Mayor City of Elba

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## NEWS FROM OUR SERVICE FOLKS

Joseph A. Chandler graduates from U. S. Army radio school

Army National Guard Pvt. Joseph A. Chandler has graduated from the radio operator-maintainer advanced individual training course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, GA.

The soldier was trained to install, operate, and perform preventive maintenance checks and services on single channel radio, teletypewriter assemblies, communications security devices and

associated equipment. The student also learned to operate manual and automated communications systems, and perform preventive maintenance services on assigned vehicles and power generating equipment.

Chandler is the son of Ricky E. and Sara N. Chandler of Putman Street, Elba, AL.

Collin Douglas Sauls

Stevie and Denise Sauls of Elba announce the birth of their son, Collin Douglas Sauls, born April 16, 2004 in a Dothan hospital. At birth, he weighed 5 lbs. Collin has one older brother, Chace.

Grandparents are Wayne and Diana Smith of New Hope, Bo and Betty Sauls of Elba. Great grandparents are Eddie and Arlene Fillingim of New Hope, Totsy Smith and the late James Smith of Headland, the late Clayton & More, Lena Stanley of Curtis, and the late Albert and Dorothy Sauls of Elba.

Margaret Hamm said her daughter still had to meet stringent qualifications so that she could continue in the program. Sarah made the cut and was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship, a six-month membership to SportsFirst and a Belk gift basket, all supplied by the Cullman County Junior Miss program and its sponsors. Sarah and her mother said Cullman County Junior Miss Director, Patty Greer has been a pillar of support during the process.

The Junior Miss program judges participants in five separate categories. The interview and talent portions make up 25 percent each. A participant's academic record accounts for 20 percent of her score and the self-expression (formerly known as poise) and fitness are each worth 15 percent.

For her talent, the 17-year-old Auburn University student, "Now I'll be on the other

side," Sarah said. "Now she'll get to watch."

"And Britany can relax," Margaret Hamm added.

One good thing about participating in the at-large program, Sarah said, is that it is set up like the state pageant. "It gave me a good idea about the program," she said.

Another difference between the at-large and a local event is that the at-large program is a single-day event, rather than a three-day program. That meant participants only had a short amount of time to prepare for the fitness program.

"Since Morgan Smith won the Cullman County title for 2002, Sarah said she made it her goal to do better," Sarah said. "She said she would learn something and usually be performing it 30 minutes later."

Margaret Hamm said she wasn't worried about her daughter participating in the Junior Miss program and knew she could handle the pressure. And she was something Sarah was determined to do.

"If she's made up her mind to do something, you better buckle your seat belt," she said.

The payoff, no matter what the outcome of the state pageant, will be an experience she will treasure for the rest of her life and provide friends, contacts and a confidence she'll have for the future.

Sarah said one thing she's excited about is meeting other girls in the program. She met several at the at-large event whom she'll meet again at the state event. "I'm looking forward to getting to know all the girls and a chance to meet girls who will be leaders that I'll interact with in college and later," she said.

Sarah has a little more time to figure things out. She's been accepted to Auburn and would be the third generation in her family to attend the university. But she's also looking into the University of North Carolina and Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

What she'll study is still up in the air. "I've always said engineering, but I'm not positive," she said. "Definitely business. Probably business and engineering. I want to be the boss and own my own company."

Jamie Greek participates in AL Governor's Youth Leadership Forum

Jamie Greek, an Elba High School student, was one of 22 students selected as a delegate to participate in Alabama Governor's Youth Leadership Forum for students with disabilities.

The forum was held on Troy University Campus. The students and counselors stayed on campus June 6-10, 2004. The entire program was geared to help each delegate to focus on their strengths and abilities and not their disability. During the week delegates, former delegates and counselors had many fun and learning experiences.

The forum is co-sponsored by: The Department of Rehabilitation Services, The Alabama Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities, and The Institute for Leadership Development, Troy University, Troy Campus.

Jamie learned a lot about careers and as a bonus he made many friends.

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**WATER**

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Polyengineering of Dothan has been working on a project scope for the town regarding upgrades to six inch water lines. He said it would probably take a year and a half to get everything in place for that project in which County Road 517 was included.

Mobley said the town actually has three options for County Road 517: 1) It can go ahead now and replace with a three inch line; 2) Put the relocation off and wait a year and a half to put in a six inch line with fire hydrants; or 3) Do both. Fix it now with a three inch line so the county can pave the dirt road. Then come back in a year and a half and reassess for the six inch line.

Water superintendent Ken Fox said all things considered, the town can get pretty close to the deadline mentioned in Tindell's letter if board members approved going ahead with the three inch line.

Tindell also suggested they, along with Mayor Cole, visit County Road 517 following the commission meeting to discuss it.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Aug. 23, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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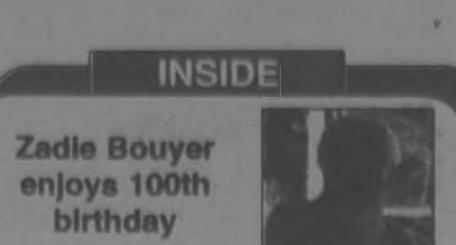
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**Residents support chamber's "Dining for Signs" event**

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce fed, entertained and delighted those who attended "Dining for Signs" last Thursday evening, Aug. 12, at the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue.

Guests were able to enjoy a

catered meal while sitting at interestingly decorated tables. With decorations being left up to the table sponsor, creativity was a major attraction as guests wandered around looking at the various designs and themes.

The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the purchase of lighted, brickled signs to be placed at various entrances into the City of Elba. Chamber officials said the signs will serve as enhanced welcome tools for visitors coming into the city.

Dining for Signs was the first fund raising effort for this project, and chamber officials were overwhelmedly pleased with its success as more than 300 people

placed through ticket sales for the dinner, sponsorships, individual donations and an auction of some Alabama/Auburn items. The event raised more than \$8,000 for the signs project.

Debbie Sauls, chamber board member, said it is not known at this point exactly how much money it will take to allow the city to place these signs at all entrances, however, she said the wonderful support shown for Dining for Signs will go a long way in helping the chamber reach its goal.

Sauls said the chamber will continue to work on this project until enough funds have been raised to allow the city to construct all the needed signs.

For more information regarding the sign project, call the chamber office at 897-3125.



LAUGHTER IN A SMALL PACKAGE...Following the Dining for Signs meal last Thursday evening, Aug. 12, the more than 300 guests were treated to some special entertainment. Alabama Sam, an 8-year-old comedian from Enterprise, brought many guests to tears as they laughed at his varying jokes. The youngster kept the attention of his audience by delivering each and every punchline at just the right time. Also entertaining the crowd was Buck Gaines, who sang several well recognized songs. Additional scenes from the evening can be found on Page 11.

FOEPL plans informative program on usage

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